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Press Release

AG SCORES POINTS WITH KIDS AT DA'S BASKETBALL CAMP

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Attorney General Maura Healey took 35 Stoughton kids through a rack of tough basketball drills – from fingertip pushups to one-finger dribbling – at the high school this morning, sneaking in more than a few positive messages and tips for success as she went.

"You are never going to get by in life if you just show up – you've got to do the drills," Healey said after more than an hour of working with the campers and hitting more than her share of shots from the floor. "That is the same in school, in basketball – or if you want to be a great dancer or musician.

"You can never go wrong by working hard," Healey said.

"She is the first professional basketball player we have had come to camp," Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey told the students, grades 3 through 8, as the AG was changing from snow boots to sneakers. Healey played professional basketball in Europe, after captaining her college team at point guard and before law school. "Her example and message to the youngsters in that gym was tremendous."

The camp, which Morrissey has held in Stoughton during February vacation for the last six years, gives students a blend of constructive athletic experience, roll models, and reinforcement of good decision making and leadership. Police Chief Paul Shastany, state Rep. William C. Galvin, SHS Principal Julie Miller and Athletic Director Ryan Donahue were in the gym this morning; High school athletes, coaches and past Black Knights who are state and local police officers are set to help out during the three-day camp, Morrissey said.

"What is the most important stat for a point guard?" Healey asked a small group toward the end of the morning. "Assists. And I'm making you all point guards today. Assist each other. Be friends. Resist bullies. Make good choices."